

**Queens Farm
Land Totals**

14,143 Acres

Only 20 Per cent of Area,
Says Willis, in Telling
of Its Possibilities
for Future Construction

"The great possibilities of Queens Borough for housing the future population of New York City are shown by the fact that there are to-day 14,143 acres in Queens devoted exclusively to farming, which is an area greater than that of Manhattan Island with its population of 2,284,000. The acreage devoted to farming in Queens represents only 20 per cent of its total land area, the balance of more than 55,000 acres being taken up by Brooklyn with its population of 2,000,000. Queens has a population to-day of only 500,000, although larger proportion of its area is included within a circle with a radius of 15 miles than that of the center of Manhattan, than that of any other borough of New York City."

The above statement was made by William M. Williams, president of the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce, who has compiled a table from the United States government census reports which show the number, area and population of the five boroughs to-day, as compared with twenty years ago, when Queens became a part of the Greater City.

There are to-day 665 farms in Queens, says Williams.

14,148 acres, the land of which alone is valued at \$25,000,000. This is a greater value of farm property than that in any one of the sixty-two counties in New York State with the exception of Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long

"During the last twenty years there has been a reduction of 828 farms in Queens, comprising 11,500 acres. It is now estimated that in the next twenty years will show an even greater reduction in farm land in Queens Borough, for the extension of rapid transit lines, the building of new and the electrified Long Island railroad service is producing the greatest development of homes and industries in Queens that has ever taken place in any city in the world.

"There are to-day 800 farms comprising 20,848 acres in the five boroughs of New York City, as compared with 1,628 farms comprising 47,494 acres in 1900. This is a reduction of 828 farms and 26,646 acres."

tion of 1,222 farms and 26,646 acres, during which time the population of the city has increased 2,182,846."

Rockaway Office Building Sold
The O'Kane office building, at Mott Avenue and the Long Island Railroad, Far Rockaway, has been purchased by Smith of Whitehall, Inc., from Ella M. O'Kane, through the Thomas A. McWhinney Realty Company.

Estate Leases 202d St. Lots
David Stewart leased for the Van Beuren estate eight lots on the north side of West 202d Street, 100 feet west of West 203d Street, running thence to West 203d Street, to H. A. Butler & Brother, lumber merchants.

\$250,000. Loan on Building
The New York Title and Mortgage Company has loaned \$250,000 on the twelve-story mercantile building of the

Jatison Construction Company (Julius Tisham & Sons), at 15 East Thirty-second Street.

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